



ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Nursery! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming back our old children and also lots of new children into our Nursery this term.

Nursery Fund

The children take part in lots of fun activities during their time in Nursery. However, many of these activities require materials which get used up and often need replacing such as play dough and cooking ingredients. Therefore we would really appreciate it if all parents could contribute £2 a term to allow us to continue provide these resources. Please put the donation in a named envelope addressed 'Nursery Fund'.

Our topic

This term we will begin by learning about 'ourselves'. This will involve talking about our families, similarities and differences and discussing how we have changed over time. Later on in the term we will also do activities linked to Harvest, Autumn, Diwali, fireworks and Christmas.

Homework Grid

Each half term you will receive a homework grid. This gives you some ideas of activities you can do with your child at home which will contribute to their learning in school. Please choose one activity to do each week and return the grid to Nursery each Tuesday.

Personalised Wall Space

You may have noticed that we have lots of boxes on the Nursery wall, each with a child's name in. This is a special space for your child. When they have been somewhere special or done something they have loved, you can bring in a photo so that your child can share it with the class and then we will put it in their special box on the wall. Your child can also bring in pictures they have made at home. Photographs can be emailed to cthompson@albanwood.herts.sch.uk

PE Day

The Nursery children will take part in PE in the hall every Friday afternoon. Your child will be asked to take off shoes, socks and jumpers. They **do not** need a PE kit. However, it would be helpful if you could make sure your child wears shoes which are easy to fasten (such as Velcro) as this will help them to develop independence in changing. For safety reasons, we tape over earrings, so if your child wears earrings, you may prefer to remove them on PE days.

Library Day

The children will have the opportunity to visit the school library every Thursday. Please provide your child with a book bag on this day and remember to bring back the book you have borrowed every Thursday.

Spare Clothes

Please send your child to school with a complete change of clothes (including socks) in a named bag and, if possible, a pair of wellington boots which can be kept in school.



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Clothing

Please ensure that cardigans, jumpers and coats are clearly marked with your child's name as the children often take them off and do not always put them on their pegs. We use our outdoor area in all weathers so it is important that your child has a coat for playing outside, preferably with a hood! Shoes should be suitable for running and climbing outside. Velcro fastening shoes are easiest for the children to change independently. If your child wears earrings, please make sure that they are studs, for safety reasons.

Learning Journals

We observe the children in the Nursery and record their learning journeys electronically. At the end of each half-term you will receive your child's e-journal via email. Please ensure that we have an up to date email address for you.

Stay and Play

Every Wednesday we invite you to stay and play in the Nursery for half an hour after dropping your child off to join in with some of our Busy Finger activities. During this time you can spend time engaging with your child in their learning and play alongside them and their friends. You will also have an opportunity to look at the displays in the Nursery and find out more about what the children have been learning. The session will begin on **Wednesday 23rd September**, once all of the children have settled in. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time!

Dropping off and Picking Up

When you arrive at school please wait by the entrance to the glass corridor and we will collect the children at 12.15 and bring them through to Nursery. At the end of the day please wait in the Reception playground until a member of staff calls you round to the Nursery. It can be very distracting for the children if they see you walking past the Nursery windows at storytime.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to us.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Baldwin, Mrs Long, Mrs Nerecova and Miss Douglas - *The Morning Nursery Team*

